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The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior,
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Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chair, Subcommittee on Interior,
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior,
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman, Chair, and Ranking Members:

Enclosed is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Report on the status of the Fiscal Year 2022 Funding for Administrator Priorities. The Explanatory Statement accompanying the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) instructed the EPA to follow all guidance in House Report 117-400 and Joint Explanatory Statement unless specifically otherwise addressed. House Report 117-400 states in relevant part:

Administrator Priorities. —The Agency is directed to submit a report within 90 days of enactment of this Act that identifies how any fiscal year 2020, 2021, and 2022 funding was used, by account, program area, and program project. Each activity funded should include a justification for the effort and any anticipated results.

The requested information is provided in the enclosure. With one exception, the status of FY 2021 funding was provided in the FY 2022 Funding for Administrator Priorities report previously submitted to the House and Senate Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittees.

Should you need additional information or have further questions, please contact Ed Walsh at walsh.ed@epa.gov or (202) 564-4594.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

FY 2023 Report:
Status of FY 2022 Funding for Administrator Priorities

As stated in the report language of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2023, “Administrator Priorities - EPA is directed to submit a report within 90 days of enactment of this Act that identifies how any fiscal year 2020, 2021, and 2022 funding was used, by account, program area and program project. Each activity funded should include a justification for the effort and any anticipated results.”

Below is a detailed table that breaks down how the FY 2022 Administrator Priorities funding has been used as of February 28, 2023. In sum, the EPA obligated \$1,870,000 of Budget Fiscal Year 2022 funds and \$52,000 of BFY 2021 funds for Administrator Priorities. For each funding item, we have identified the dollar amount of the obligation, the name of the program area, the name of the program project, and a short description of how the funds were utilized.

BFY 2022	
Environmental Programs and Management	
Amount / Project	
\$95,000	<p><i>Toxics Risk Review and Prevention / Toxic Substances: Chemical Risk Review & Reduction</i></p> <p>The funds support Literature Search/Systematic Review activities for Risk Evaluations as part the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. This funding proved integral towards completing the systematic review of literature for the 1,4-Dioxane supplemental and the Asbestos Part 2 risk evaluations. The funding also supports efforts by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) to make significant progress during ongoing reviews for several other High Priority Substances undergoing risk evaluation under TSCA section 6.</p>
\$400,000	<p><i>Toxics Risk Review and Prevention / Toxic Substances: Chemical Risk Review & Reduction</i></p> <p>The funds support economic analysis required for decision-making and inter-agency review for several of the first 10 chemicals in risk management as part of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. The support allowed EPA to make progress toward completion of economic analyses for more chemicals than would have been possible with base funding, in particular carbon tetrachloride, trichloroethylene, 1-bromopropane, and n-methylpyrrolidone. These chemicals will move to proposal in FY 2023.</p>

BFY 2022	
Environmental Programs and Management	
Amount / Project	
\$300,000	<p><i>Information Exchange / Outreach: Environmental Education</i></p> <p>The funds support efforts by the Office of Administrator's Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education (OPEEE) to establish partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), consortiums, and organizations. These partnerships will focus on educational opportunities for students, centered on topics such as environmental justice, equity, and climate change. Through these partnerships, students will be able to leverage resources and knowledge for academic and career development.</p>
\$1,000,000	<p><i>Toxics Risk Review and Prevention / Toxic Substances: Chemical Risk Review & Reduction</i></p> <p>Funds support work to stabilize and modernize the existing TSCA IT infrastructure. Funds will be used toward determining the root causes for systems instability and initiate the update/upgrade of the TSCA Confidential Business Information (CBI) Local Area Network (LAN) and associated systems and applications. OPPT's Chemical Information System, as well as numerous workflow applications and related tools and models, are contained in the TSCA CBI LAN and must be updated/upgraded concurrently, to eliminate further disruptions.</p>
\$75,000	<p><i>International Programs / International Sources of Pollution and Trade and Governance</i></p> <p>The funds support the Administration's efforts to prioritize international environmental matters as part of its foreign policy agenda.</p>
\$1,870,000	TOTAL

BFY 2021	
Environmental Programs and Management	
Amount / Project	
\$52,000	<i>Information Exchange / Executive Management and Operations</i> Funds supported required background investigations for EPA employees in FY 2022. The investigations were conducted by the Defense Counterintelligence Security Agency.
\$52,000	TOTAL

Note: With the exception of the FY 2021 funding provided above, the status of all other Fiscal Year 2021 funding was provided in the FY 2022 Funding for Administrator Priorities report previously submitted to the House and Senate Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittees. The status of FY 2020 funding was provided in the FY 2021 Funding for Administrator Priorities report also submitted previously to the Subcommittees.